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SUBJECT: MEETINGS WITH ICEM AND UNHCR - REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM
IN ARGENTINA

1. ON 5/9/77 VICE CONSUL WILLIAM MULLER AND VOLAG REP FRANK AZEVEDO MET WITH ICEM TO SEE WHAT THAT ORGANIZATION COULD DO TO HASTEN OBTENTION OF DOCUMENTS NEEDED BY REFUGEES TO COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AT EMBASSY AND TO EXIT ARGENTINA. UNHCR AND COORDINADORA DE ACCION SOCIAL HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE, BUT HAVE BEEN MOVING SLOWLY. MULLER, AZEVEDO, AND ICEM REPS DECIDED TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR 5/12/77 WITH UNHCR AND COORDINADORA.

2. AT 5/12/77 MEETING W. MULLER OF EMBASSY, AZEVEDO OF U.S. VOLAGS, PRYTKA AND SCHAMIS OF ICEM, FRASER OF UNHCR, AND SILVA OF COORDINADORA WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

3. FRASER OF UNHCR REITERATED CLAIM MADE EARLIER IN WEEK BY UNHCR REP ROBERT MULLER THAT DEPT HAD TOLD DAYAL OF UNHCR THAT BLANKET WAIVER OF DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS OF INA IS IN EFFECT FOR REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM. W. MULLER INFORMED HER THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND THAT HE HAD JUST VERIFIED THIS WITH CHACHAVADZE OF DHA, BUT THAT WE WILL GRANT WAIVER

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OF INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS ON CASE TO CASE BASIS.

4. UNHCR AND COORDINADORA STATED THAT THEY DO NOT BEGIN ASSISTING REFUGEES WITH DOCUMENTATION UNTIL NOTIFIED CASE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEPT AND INS/CO. UNHCR PREFERS TO WAIT UNTIL CASE IS SURE FIRE APPROVAL DUE TO EXPENSE INVOLVED IN OBTAINING DOCUMENTS. EMBASSY WAS

SURPRISED TO HEAR THIS AS WE HAVE BEEN GIVING LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO REFUGEE APPLICANTS AT TIME OF INITIAL INTERVIEW AND TELLING THEM THAT THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ASK UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE IN THEIR PROCUREMENT. TO HASTEN OBTENTION PROCESS WE GAVE UNHCR AT MEETING LIST OF CASES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY CONSULAR OFFICER AND INS OFFICER AND CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DEPT AND INS/CO. WE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS A LIST OF REFUGEES WHO HAD BEST CHANCE OF BEING APPROVED SOONEST AND URGED THAT THEY GET ROLLING ON THEIR DOCUMENTATION. UNHCR VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE LIST AND AGREED TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY.

5. ALL PARTIES AGREED THAT POLICE CERTIFICATE ("CERTIFICADO DE ANTECEDENTES") IS BIGGEST DOCUMENTARY HANGUP. EMBASSY AND ICEM POINTED OUT HOWEVER, THAT MANY REFUGEES HAVE PRESENTED POLICE CERTIFICATES TO ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMISSION AND THAT COPIES WERE READILY AVAILABLE THERE. ICEM AND UNHCR ALSO WILL EXPLORE OTHER WAYS OF PROMPTLY PROCURING THIS DOCUMENT.

6. OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING DOCUMENTATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED TO SATISFACTION OF ALL MEETING PARTICIPANTS.

7. MEETING WAS MOST PRODUCTIVE AND ALL FELT THAT WE HAD BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION AND OF EACH OTHERS PROBLEMS. ANTICIPATE LAG OF A COUPLE OF WEEKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR POSITIVE RESULTS (I.E. REFUGEES ARRIVING IN U.S.), BUT FEEL THAT STEADY FLOW OF REFUGEES TO U.S. SHOULD START BY BEGINNING OF JUNE.
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